8 in 6 Program

School District Questions

Can a school district set guidelines for student participation in the 8 in 6 Program? School districts are encouraged to set parameters for student participation in the program in order to promote student success. The statute governing the 8 in 6 program states the following:

"Public schools shall establish timelines and requirements for participation in the program, including implementing procedures for the appropriate transcription of credits, reporting of program participation and financial transaction requirements."

According to the law, parents may enroll their child in any eligible course, with or without the permission of the public school; therefore close communication and intentional advising is highly recommended.

What do I do with the forms? A student's original sign up and withdrawal forms should be maintained in the student's cumulative file. It is not necessary to submit these forms to the State Department of Education. Participant enrollment information will additionally be tracked in the Advanced Opportunities portal. It is up to the school district to ensure that records submitted to the SDE via the portal are accurate.

What mechanism will the State Department of Education use to reimburse the school district for 8 in 6 courses? The State Department of Education will reimburse school districts for courses based on information submitted by the school district through the Advanced Opportunities web-based portal. It is up to the school district's discretion to determine whether parents/students will have access to the portal, or if it will be handled at the school site. District personnel are responsible for verifying this information and submitting it to the SDE.

Where can I find information regarding deadlines? Submission deadlines are as follows:

Summer Semester: First Friday in August
Fall Semester: First Friday in December
Spring Semester: First Friday in June

Submissions after these dates will not be accepted by the SDE. School districts are encouraged to create local deadlines for registration well in advance of the final deadline to the SDE.